

Charles Gormley House
Herring Pond Road
Wellfleet
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

CHARLES GORMLEY HOUSE

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Location - On Herring Pond Road, near Herring Pond, south side of road,
Town of Wellfleet, county of Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Present owner Mr. Charles Gormley, Wellfleet, Mass.

Present occupant Rileys.

Present use Summer rental.

Significance Good example of a Cape Cod "house and a half" within the
area of the proposed Cape Cod National Seashore.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Original and subsequent owners - Not covered. Owner not available.

Date of erection About 1830 according to Dr. Ernest Allen Connally, HABS
Historian and architect in a study of the Cape Cod houses in this
area in 1959.

Architect Unknown.

Builder Unknown.

Original plans None known to exist.

Alterations and additions Rear of house facing road, has been altered to
make front entrance.

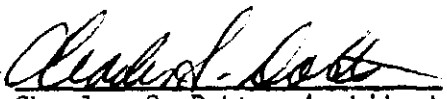
Historical events - None discovered.

Important old views - Ditto.

Sources of information - Dr. Connally;

Likely sources not yet investigated - Town records of Wellfleet, and Barn-
stable County records.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit - Good example of a Cape Cod "house and a half" located within area of proposed Cape Cod National Seashore.

THE EXTERIOR

Overall dimensions 26 x 28.

Foundations Brick.

Wall construction Vertical boards on heavy frame. Shingles exterior except clapboard south front exterior, and combination of shingles and clapboards north front, (rear).

Porches, stoops - Semi-circular brick stoops, north and south entrances.

Chimneys - one, brick, centrally located.

Openings - doorways and doors. 6 panel doors at north and south entrances.
4 light transom at south, with pilasters flanking the doorway.

windows and shutters 9/6 lights in double hung sash, first floor;
6/6 lights second floor. Solid wood shutters. Sliding "indian"
shutters in east room, first floor.

Roof - shape, covering, construction - Gabled, pitched roof, wood shingles.
Heavy trusses, 8'-0" on center, covered with vertical boards.

Cornice, eaves Wood, box cornice with dentil. Narrow eaves.

dormers None.

THE INTERIOR

Floor plans - Cape Cod "house and a half", 4 bay, 2 window east room, and 1 window west room. Kitchen in rear, now used as living room. Buttery and small east bed room now used as kitchen.

Stairways One to second floor.

Flooring - random width pine.

Wall and ceiling finish - Plaster and wainscoting to window stool. Plastered ceilings.

Doorways and doors 6 panel interior wood doors.

Trim Mitered, molded trim. Good mantels and fireplace paneling in east room and kitchen.

Hardware - some old latches on first floor.

Lighting - electric.

Heating- by fireplaces, east room and kitchen. Kitchen fireplace has oven.

SITE

Orientation - House originally faces south in typical Cape Cod manner, but entrance at north puts front of house there, next to the road.
House is in cleared spot, with little landscaping.


Enclosures None.

Outbuildings None.

Walks, driveways - No walks, short driveway into yard, east of house.

Landscaping - informal, scarce.

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